

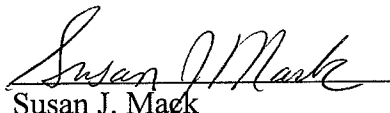
REMARKS

Claims 1-15, and 19 and 20 are canceled. In the interest of compacting prosecution, Claim 16 is amended herewith to further define an embodiment of the claimed invention. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. Entry and consideration of this amendment are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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